

Research Log # 6

A summary is a condensed version of someone else's work. Your summary should focus on factual information from the original document. Summarizing requires you to comprehend, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information.

Guidelines to Writing a Summary:

- ☐ In the first sentence, tell the **main idea** of the reading.
- ☐ Include article **title** and **author**.
- ☐ Include **important information** such as names, dates, etc.
- ☐ Do not include examples unless necessary for understanding
- ☐ Write clear sentences
- ☐ **Structure** your summary in a **logical way** (preferably the same as the reading).
- ☐ Tie your ideas together in a **concluding sentence**.

STEP 1 Summarize: In the box below, write a summary of the article following the structure given above.

- many different mythological stories inspired Tolkien to make his stories
- J.R.R. Tolkien's influences. Randy Kryn
- a major influence was the Finnish epic book called Kalevala, which basically sparked Tolkien's want to write legends. Another big influencing factor was Norse mythology. A lot of the Valar (Gods) in Tolkien's books are based off of/resemble Asgard gods from old Norse mythology. Tolkien also based some of his characters off of Greek mythology.
- Tolkien was a very religious man but that did not stop him from reading and enjoying and ultimately being inspired by gods of a different culture.

STEP 2 Respond: In your own opinion, write your reaction or response to the article using a suggestion below.

- Explain how the article **relates** to your research
- Tell how this article is **important**.
- Discuss the **questions** this article raises about your topic
- **Quote** a line and then respond to it
- Discuss how you **felt** about the article
- Talk about the ideas you **didn't understand**
- Talk about the ideas you **did or did not agree** with and why

This article is important because it shows that even though Tolkien was very religious that did not stop him from taking inspiration from other cultures gods. Tolkien based a lot of his first aged elves off of greek and Norse mythology. He also gave personality traits of greek gods to the fighters in his stories.

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STEP 3 Connect: Write 4-5 sentences explaining how this article could potentially connect to the argument you will be writing.

- ☐ Think about your claim. Will this article support your claim or offer you the counter-claim (opposing argument)?
- ☐ Does it include any compelling statistics, quotes, or facts that might help your argument?
- ☐ If it does not connect, explain what information you were hoping to find in this reading.

This article can connect to my writing because it shows that Tolkien got inspiration from other religions. Although Tolkien was very passionate catholic, he enjoyed reading stories about ancient greek and Norse gods. It gives me really good examples on how he tied multiple religions into many of his characters.

STEP 4 Capture: the two most important ideas of the article.

Tolkien enjoyed mythology

Tolkien was religious but respected other religions beliefs and stories.

